place after full consultations with the trade unions. The UPA Government believes that labour-management relations in our country must be marked by consultations, cooperation and consensus, not confrontation.

Filling up the vacancies in ESIC

1740. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of medical, para-medical and other vacancies exist during 2005 in the Employees State Insurance Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for keeping such posts vacant for a long time; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to fill these vacancies and by when these vacancies would be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The details of posts laying vacant as on 31st March, 2005 in the ESI Scheme are annexed as Statement *(See below)*.

(c) The vacancies could not be filled up due to the ban imposed on recruitment by the Central Government and most of the State Governments.

(d) The following steps have been taken by the ESI Corporation to fill these vacancies:—

(i) Offer of appointment has been sent to 87 candidates for the post of Insurance Medical Officer Gr. II.

(ii) an advertisement of 78 posts of specialist is being issued shortly.

(iii) the interviews for 9 vacancies of Specialists under Special Recruitment Drive of SC/ST were held on 23-24/02/2006.

(iv) the interviews for the para-medical posts were held on 06.02.06 and 07.02.06.

(v) on 08.01.06 a written test for recruitment of 132 posts of Nursing Orderlies and Bearers was held. The interviews will be held shortly.

(vi) All the Chief Ministers have been requested to fill the vacancies in all the ESI Hospitals and Dispensaries in their respective States.

Statement

Vacancy Position in Medical Wing of ESI Scheme as on 31.03.2005

Sl. No.	State	VACANCIES		
		Medical	Para Medical	Others
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	285	414	430
2.	Assam	17	27	4
3.	Bihar	59	171	178
4.	Chandigarh Admn.	7	26	16
5.	Chhattisgarh	10	14	16
6.	Delhi	413	723	377
7.	Goa	03	3	5
8.	Gujarat	216	607	401
9.	Haryana	32	129	207
10.	Himachal Pradesh	—	8	17
11.	Karnataka	144	282	260
12.	Kerala	190	303	148
13.	Madhya Pradesh	49	160	91
14.	Maharashtra			
	a) Mumbai	85	338	720
	b) Pune	22	31	57
	c) Nagpur	20	95	132
15.	Meghalaya	—	5	4
16.	Orissa	53	46	80
17.	Pondicherry	10	16	1

1	2	3	4	5
18.	Punjab	—	17	281
19.	Rajasthan	58	134	65
20.	Tamil Nadu	116	625	779
21.	Uttar Pradesh	107	279	158
22.	Uttaranchal	6	6	2
23.	West Bengal	215	933	1090
24.	Jammu & Kashmir	3	6	10
25.	Jharkhand	100	191	347
	Total	2208	5555	5966

Persons registered in the employment exchanges

1741. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the registers of the Employment Exchange in the country as on 31st December, 2005, category-wise;

(b) the number of persons who got employment through the employment exchanges during the last three years ending 31st December, 2005, year-wise and category-wise; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government for improving the functioning of employment exchanges for better results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Around 4.05 crore jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, were registered with the employment exchanges in the country as on 31st December, 2004 (latest). Out of them, around 0.65, 0.22 and 0.82 crore were Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes & Other Backward Class jobseekers respectively.

(b) Category-wise placements effected by the employment exchanges during 2002, 2003 & 2004 were as given below.

Year	Placements (In Thousands)		
	SC	ST	OBC
2002	17.1	8.0	13.3
2003	19.2	8.0	17.1
2004	16.0	8.4	13.7